

the combination. In case of a combination consisting of a taxable article and a nontaxable article, the category for the taxable article in the combination shall constitute the industry for purposes of paragraph (c)(2)(iii) of this section.

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Subpart A—Tax on Greenmail

§ 156.5881-1 Imposition of excise tax on greenmail.

(a) *In general.* Section 5881 of the Code imposes a tax equal to 50 percent of the gain or other income realized by any person on the receipt of greenmail, whether or not the gain or other income is recognized.

(b) *Transactions occurring on or after March 31, 1988.* For transactions occur-

ring on or after March 31, 1988, greenmail is defined as any consideration transferred by a corporation (or any person acting in concert with the corporation) to directly or indirectly acquire stock of the corporation from any shareholder if:

(1) The transferring shareholder has held the stock (as determined under section 1223) for less than two years before entering into the agreement to transfer the stock.

(2) The shareholder, any person acting in concert with the shareholder, or any person related to the shareholder or to a person acting in concert with the shareholder made or threatened to make a public tender offer for stock of the corporation at some time during the two-year period ending on the date of the acquisition of the stock by the corporation, and

(3) The acquisition is pursuant to an offer that was not made on the same terms to all shareholders.

(c) *Transactions occurring before March 31, 1988.* For transactions occurring before March 31, 1988, greenmail has the same meaning as in paragraph (b) of this section, except that it does not include any consideration transferred by any person acting in concert with the corporation described in that paragraph.

(d) *Effective date.* Generally, section 5881 of the Code applies to consideration received after December 22, 1987, in taxable years ending after that date. However, section 5881 does not apply to any acquisition of stock pursuant to a written binding contract in effect on December 15, 1987, and at all times thereafter before the acquisition.

Subpart B—Procedure and Administration

§ 156.6001-1 Notice or regulations requiring records, statements, and special returns.

(a) *In general.* Any person subject to tax under chapter 54 (Greenmail) of the Code shall keep such complete and detailed records as are sufficient to enable the district director to determine accurately the amount of liability under chapter 54.

(b) *Notice by district director requiring returns, statements, or the keeping of*

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records. The district director may require any person, by notice served upon him, to make such returns, render such statements, or keep such specific records as will enable the district director to determine whether or not the person is liable for tax under chapter 54 of the Code.

(c) *Retention of records.* The records required by this section shall be kept at all times available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees, and shall be retained so long as the contents thereof may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

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§ 156.6011-1 General requirement of return, statement, or list.

Every person liable for tax under section 5881 of the Code shall file a return with respect to the tax on the form prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service (Form 8725). Each such person shall include therein the information required by the form and the instructions issued with respect thereto.

§ 156.6061-1 Signing of returns and other documents.

Any return, statement, or other document required to be made with respect to a tax imposed by chapter 54 (Greenmail) of the Code or the regulations thereunder shall be signed by the person required to file the return, statement, or other document, or by the persons required or duly authorized to sign in accordance with the regulations, forms, or instructions prescribed with respect to such return, statement, or document. An individual's signature on such a return, statement, or other document shall be prima facie evidence that the individual is authorized to sign the return, statement, or other document.

§ 156.6065-1 Verification of returns.

If a return, statement, or other document made under the provisions of chapter 54 (Greenmail) or of subtitle F of the Code, or the regulations thereunder with respect to any tax imposed by chapter 54, or the form and instructions issued with respect to such return, statement, or other document,

requires that it shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, it must be so verified by the person or persons required to sign such return, statement, or other document. In addition, any other statement or document submitted under any provision of chapter 54 or of subtitle F of the Code, or the regulations thereunder with respect to any tax imposed by chapter 54 may be required to contain or be verified by written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury.

§ 156.6071-1 Time for filing returns relating to greenmail.

(a) *In general.* Returns required by § 156.6011-1 (relating to liability for tax on greenmail under section 5881) shall be filed on or before the ninetieth day following receipt of any portion of the greenmail. Greenmail is considered to be received when gain or other income is realized, as determined according to the taxpayer's method of accounting, without regard to any provision of the Code providing for deferral of recognition.

(b) *Returns relating to greenmail received before the date these regulations become final.* Returns required by § 156.6011-1 that relate to greenmail received on or before December 18, 1991, shall be filed on or before March 18, 1992.

§ 156.6081-1 Extension of time for filing the return.

(a) *Authority to grant extension.* District directors and directors of service centers are authorized to grant a reasonable extension of time for filing any return, statement, or other document that relates to any tax imposed by chapter 54 (Greenmail) of the Code and that is required under the provisions of chapter 54 or the regulations thereunder. However, except in the case of taxpayers who are abroad, such an extension of time shall not be granted for more than 6 months. An extension of time for filing a return shall not extend the time for the payment of the tax or any part thereof unless specified to the contrary in the grant of extension.

(b) *Application for extension.* The application for an extension of time for